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PASS PEACE CORPS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PFOR, CD
SUBJECT: FIRE GUTS PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE

1. MID-AFTERNOON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, FIRE SWEPT PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE NEAR CHANCERY WHILE PRESIDENT MALLOUM REPORTEDLY HOME ALONE. NO INJURIES, BUT PALACE ALMOST COMPLETELY GUTTED.

2. MINOR INCIDENT HAPPENED DURING FIRE WHEN PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER JOHN HANNAUM APPROACHED MAIN INTERSECTION DRIVING TRUCK WITH OFFICIAL GOC REGISTRATION AND WAS, DESPITE PROTESTS, DIRECTED BY GENDARMES CONTROLLING TRAFFIC TOWARD PRESIDENTIAL COMPOUND. PCV AND VISITING AMERICAN MARY MCCOLLOWS THEN TAKEN BY SECURITY POLICE TO NEIGHBORING COMMISSARIAT WHERE THEY DETAINED UNTIL 2315 HOURS WHEN COMMISSAIRE ARRIVED AND RELEASED THEM WITH APOLOGIES. DCM DISCUSSED INCIDENT INFORMALLY MARCH 1 WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, NOTING GOC OBLIGATION UNDER TERMS PC AGREEMENT TO INFORM EMBASSY ANY GOC ACTIONS TAKEN CONCERNING VOLUNTEERS. CHIEF PROTOCOL UNAWARE OF INCIDENT, EXTENDED APOLOGIES EMBASSY AND VOLUNTEER, AND PROMISED BRING MATTER TO ATTENTION OF POLICE. CHIEF PROTOCOL ADDED, QUITE ACCURATELY, FIRE WAS SOURCE GREAT
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CONFUSION AND SENIOR OFFICIALS INCLUDING HIMSELF AND COMMISSAIRE OF POLICE EXTREMELY OCCUPIED UNTIL LATE SUNDAY NIGHT.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW GOC CONCERN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, NERVOUSNESS PART OF AUTHORITIES NOT SURPRISING. NO INDICATION WHATEVER THAT ANTI-REGIME ELEMENTS INVOLVED, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE USUAL MUTTERINGS ATTEMPTING BLAME FIRE

IN SOME WAY ON FRENCH.MOST LIKELY CAUSE SEEMS TO HAVE
BEEN FAULTY WIRING. BRADFORD

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